

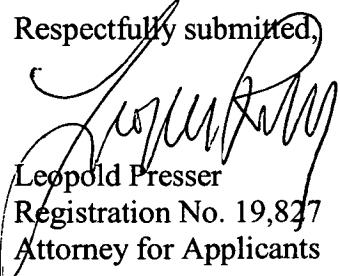
REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and various grounds of objection, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicants gratefully note the Examiner's indication that the application is in substantial condition for allowance and that only formal amendments are required throughout the specification, claims and abstract, as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, in full compliance with the Examiner's requirements, applicants have amended the specification, claims and the abstract to place all of these into closer conformance with the U.S. practice, while taking cognizance of the particular objections that were raised by the Examiner.

Accordingly, inasmuch as the applicants have amended the application in all respects, as required by the Examiner, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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